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Other Documents

Sponge Coring, DBS Coring Services, 22 pp., 1993.*

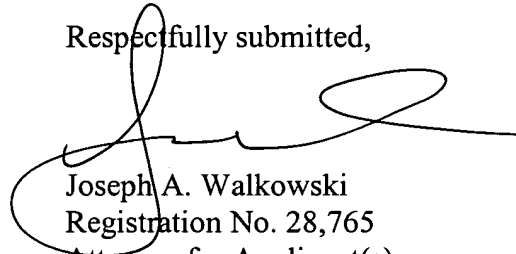
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